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Oregon, Washington and Idaho will soon put into effect a law that a notice must be posted in all hotels, restaurants, or boarding houses that serve chicory or any other adulterant in coffee.

Farmers who determine to make corn one of their crops this year will be furnished free seed by the O. W. R. & N. Co. on condition that they plant, cultivate and harvest the corn in the manner prescribed by the company's crop experts. Since the corn show of last fall many inquiries regarding seed have been received, and, as far as it will reach, the corn exhibited will be distributed among interested farmers.

All water excursions from Lewiston to the Panama-Pacific international exposition at San Francisco in 1915 have been announced. The plan provides for bringing the steamers Hassalo and the Potter from Portland to Lewiston for the river trips, with transfer at Portland to the ocean going steamers. The excursions are to be arranged for the early summer, when high water prevails in the upper Columbia rivers.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Oh, girls remember what I say! The days are waxing warm. And you should dress with care each day. Lest you display bad form.

"Speculation" and "investment"—These are terms that confuse. 'Tis "investment" when you win, "Speculation" when you lose.

A woman can break a man's will more easily than he can break her won't.

If the length of your purse corresponds to the length of the day, then you may find comfort in the fact that from now on the days will be longer.

You may convince a woman, but that is not a sign that she will stay convinced.

And the man who boasts that he keeps his religion in his wife's name may have to eat soup while she is eating turkey in glory.

Every man thinks a good deal of how generous he would be if he only had the price, which may be one reason why he hasn't.

Once in an age a man is justified in trying for divorce. Such a man is the absolutely bald-headed victim whose wife made him a Christmas present of a comb.

Many people have an idea that there is something mysterious and occult about the work of the weather bureau in forecasting the coming of storms, frosts and floods. Not a few think that the observers must necessarily get their data by reading the planets, the stars and the moon. As a matter of fact the forecaster of the bureau foretells the coming of disturbances in a business like way, very similar to that in which a man who has ordered a shipment of goods would estimate the date of its arrival. Storms as a rule do not originate in the United States. They come to us from the Philippines, Japan, Siberia, Alaska, Canada or the Gulf of Mexico.

The weather bureau gets cable, telegraphic or wireless notice of a foreign storm. Station after station, or vessel after vessel reports the storm's arrival in its neighborhood so that the general direction and rate of progress can be determined very early. In fact, the arrival of some storms can be foretold ten days in advance.

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Local Church Announcements

Presbyterian church: Quarterly communion service at 11 a. m. Rev. B. F. Harper, Pastor Evangelist of Pendleton, Presbytery will be with us. Special evangelistic meetings will begin in Monkland church Sabbath evening at 7:30. A. J. Adams, pastor.

Methodist Episcopal Church: Sunday School at 10 A. M. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. in Moro. Young peoples meeting 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m. C. A. Smith, pastor.

What Catholic Means

There are two meanings to this word. In its original sense it means universal. It is, therefore, correct to speak of the whole Church of Christ, in all its branches, Eastern and Western, as the Holy Catholic church. But Catholic has another and ecclesiastical meaning—viz., in agreement with the creeds, doctrines, dogmas, canons, traditions, and practices of the one undivided church, as it existed before the separation of East and West. It is in this latter sense that we speak of a person as being a Catholic, that is to say, a baptised person who accepts the teachings and traditions of the early church, as handed down to us from the time when it was undivided.

Worth Knowing

The battle of New Orleans was fought Jan. 8, 1815. The Americans were under Andrew Jackson. The British under Pakenham, who was killed in the battle. The American losses were 8 killed and 13 wounded, while 700 of the British were killed and 1,300 wounded. The Americans were protected by breastworks.

Some noted trees are the following:

"Old Liberty Tree," at Boston. "The Burgoyne Elm," at Albany. The Ash Tree planted by Washington at Mount Vernon. The Weeping Willow over the grave of Cotton Mather, near Bunker Hill, taken from a tree that shadowed the grave of Napoleon at St. Helena. "The Carry Tree," a large sycamore near Mount Pleasant, Ohio. "The Washington Elm," at Cambridge, Mass., under which Washington took command of the American army, July 3, 1775. The "Wawona Tree" of Mariposa Grove, California, 28 feet thick.

Sherman County Realty Transfers.

Dating from Jan. 24, to Jan. 31, 1913

Lottie A. Walker Carl et ver to V. J. Walker; lots 7 and 8 blk 4 in McPherson's first addition to Wasco \$1000.00

Geo. E. James to J. C. Teale; n ½ and n ½ of s ½, section 1 twp 2 s r 17 e w m \$15,000

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Robt. W. Kaseberg to Mrs. Annie Medler; lots 11 and part of lot 12, block 1, McPherson's addition to Wasco \$225.

Wm. A. Young to J. K. Irby; s w ¼ section 8, twp 5 s r 17 e w m \$2650.

W. S. Barzee to Phil Yates; lots 11 and 12, block 13, Biggs' addition to Wasco \$10.

Albert R. Carlson to Alvin J. Engvick; s e ¼ section 6, twp 1 n r 19 e w m \$10.

R. P. Scheurer to J. R. White; s w ¼ section 14, twp 3 s r 16 e w m \$2000.

Iva M. Morgan to James E. Hedrick; tract in Moro \$650.

United States to William A. Young; s w ¼ section 8 twp 5 s r 17 e w m.

The Panama canal has reached such a condition of completion that a large ocean steamer could pass through. It is the intention to send a large steamer through in April. Both ends of the canal are practically completed. Only the electric installation and clearing up remains to be finished.

DIAMETER OF THE EARTH.

Points at Which It Is the Greatest and the Least. What is the greatest diameter of the earth? The form of the earth is that of a flattened spheroid, greater in diameter at the equator than at the poles, but this is modified by the accidents of its surface, so that the diameter varies according to the point at which it is measured.

It might be expected that the diameter would be greatest if measured from the top of the highest mountain, which is Mount Everest, in the Himalayas, but unfortunately the point at which the diameter would emerge on the other side of the world is in the Pacific ocean, where this is more than 7,000 feet deep.

Professor L. Henkel of Schupferda says the greatest diameter of the earth is that taken from the summit of Mount Chimborazo, in Ecuador, 20,136 feet above the sea level. This, he says, emerges at the antipodes on a high point on the north coast of Sumatra. This diameter is 7,929.3 miles.

As Chimborazo is almost on the equator, its summit is that point on the earth's surface which is most distant from the center. There weight is feeblest and centrifugal force greatest.

The earth's smallest radius is that from the center to the north pole, but it is not certain that the line through the poles is the smallest diameter, because the south pole is on a high plateau. It might be found that a line a little distant from the poles, which would emerge at sea level at each end, would be even shorter than the polar diameter. Such a line would be found from a point in the Arctic ocean between Spitzbergen and Greenland to a point just off the coast of the Antarctic continent in the big bay overlooked by Mount Erebus, in about 175 to 180 degrees east and 75 to 80 degrees south.—New York World.

A BOY'S MOMENT OF FAME.

When Young Walter Scott Was Praised by Robert Burns.

From the time he was six Walter Scott read ravenously, and it was through his wide reading that when only fifteen he became for a few moments the center of a group of learned men. It was when the poet Burns visited Edinburgh and had shown great interest in a picture of a soldier lying dead in the snow with a dog keeping patient watch beside him.

Beneath the picture were some beautiful lines, but neither Burns nor any of those learned men knew their author until young Walter Scott, who happened to be present, whispered that they were by Langhorne.

Then Burns turned to him, with glowing eyes, and said, "It is no common course of reading that has taught you this," adding to his friends, "This lad will be heard of yet."

How proud the lad felt! How gratefully joyful in the warmth of the great poet's praise and then how suddenly forgotten when only a few days later Robert Burns passed him in the street without a glance. Scott's moment of fame had vanished—Arisdaen Gilbert in St. Nicholas.

Boys and Bonfires.

The most fun a boy can have is at a bonfire. The freckled boy says you call them bonfires because you build them near barns. Boys usually build them after elections in the fall, but any time when you feel bully is a good time.

Sticks of wood do not seem so heavy when you are carrying them to a bonfire as when you are bringing them in for the hired girl. Splinters don't hurt so much either. The freckled boy says the reason is because you are having fun. Why, he ran a long silver under his nail one night at a bonfire and he never noticed it until school time the next morning. Then it hurt him terribly. He had to stay out of school all day, and he could not do his chores. Part of the day he carried his arm in a sling.—Auburn and Freckles.

Well Posted.

The various dishes in the Hungarian restaurant were numbered for the convenience of the waitresses and the benefit of the patrons. A young couple entered. The orchestra struck up the "William Tell" overture. Turning to her escort, the young woman said: "That's familiar. What is it?" The man glanced up at the orchestra and saw the number 3 displayed. Then, with the air of one who is accustomed to cafe life, he looked up number 3 on the bill of fare. "That," he replied when he had located it, "is 'Flet Mignon,' by Champignons."—Argonaut.

The Easiest Way.

An eminent German professor had the misfortune to die while he was away on his holidays. When the time came to put up a tablet to his memory in the little university town where his life's work had lain this was the line which the mortuary artist carved upon it: "He died during his absence."—New York Post.

Flowers.

Flowers are the terrestrial stars that bring down heaven to earth and carry up our thoughts from earth to heaven. The poetry of the Creator written in beauty and fragrance.

Got Him.

Briggs—Some mighty cheap men ride in high priced cars. Briggs—Yes, mine is a low priced one too.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

These hands of mine are empty, but clean—Louis Kosanath.

Music in Portugal.

Portugal has only one conservatory of music, located at Lisbon. The highest salary paid is \$500 a year. Assistant teachers get \$150. Orchestral players, though they have a union, are paid at the San Carlo theater no more than \$40 to \$80 a month. At vaudeville and musical comedies they get 60 cents to \$1.20 a performance.

Impossible.

"I want a well rounded life." "Then you can't live it in a fat."—Baltimore American.

"Captain Charlie"

By M. QUAD
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To begin at the beginning, Charles F. Thorpe was the son of an innkeeper near Cheltenham, England, and at the age of eighteen had the reputation of being a roysterer. He did not drink or gamble, and no one could say that he was dishonest or unkind, but he craved adventure and was constantly in trouble.

He accidentally shot a gamekeeper and was sent to the penal colony at Botany Bay, Australia. He escaped from there and became a bushranger. I was herding sheep on the Bogan river when one evening young Thorpe walked in on me. He was in good health, full of good nature, and his convict life had not hardened his heart.

Young Thorpe had no sooner taken to the bush than he was given the title of "Captain Charlie." For the first seven or eight months he had no companions. During this time all his work was on the highway. He held up several stages and half a hundred lone travelers and on three occasions shot men from their saddles. He had the reputation of being brave to recklessness and of being a "square man." He would not rob a poor man, nor would he shoot unless fired upon first. If he stopped a stage and there were women passengers he treated them with the utmost courtesy. He would take nothing from a settler without paying for it, and now and then he gave them warning that the natives were out on a raid and gave them time to prepare for defense.

He would probably have continued to work alone had it not been for an escaped convict named Trent. This man was thoroughly vicious and had not one redeeming trait. In escaping from the penal settlement he killed two of the guards, and he was no sooner in the bush than he gathered around him five or six other hard cases and began a merciless war on all outsiders. In three months they killed eight travelers, settlers and herdsmen, and not content with highway robbery, they looted stores, taverns and farmhouses and applied the torch in sheer wantonness. Looking upon "Captain Charlie" as a nobby family fellow, who was unworthy of being called a bushranger, they sought to hunt him down. In self defense he organized a band of his own, numbering five, and though they were pretty tough fellows, he held them well in hand and would permit no violence when it could be avoided. The first meeting between the two bands took place on my range.

Trent had somehow heard that I was friendly to "Captain Charlie." He made a night ride of thirty-five miles with his band to kill me and destroy the herd. The captain heard of his intentions, and just at sunrise one morning both bands rode out of the scrub within fifty rods of my hut. A fight took place at once, and within ten minutes Trent's band was driven off with the loss of three men. "Captain Charlie" had one man killed and two wounded.

An adventure much talked of through New South Wales was the "baiting up" of sixteen mounted police, who had followed "Captain Charlie" and three of his men into the hills. Worn out with thirty hours of hard riding, the entire band fell asleep at night in their camp. The bushrangers crept in on them and ran off their horses and removed every firearm and then vanished. Every one could have been killed while he slept, but no one was harmed.

On another occasion "Captain Charlie" learned that two bushrangers who had lately set up in business in his territory had made prisoners of three men and their wives, who were holding them in the hills for ransom. He made a ride of forty miles with his men, hunted through the hills for two days and finally found the captives. As the bushrangers refused to give them up without ransom, the captain paid over to them the sum of \$2,000 in gold and escorted the grateful people to the nearest farmhouse. He then returned and warned the two trespassers to leave his territory, and while making their way north they were captured by the police.

In only one instance did the cavalier of the bush betray a spirit of revenge. A settler whom he had several times befriended put the police on his track, and in escaping pursuit he rode his favorite horse to death. Later on he captured his betrayer on the highway and tied him to a tree and gave him a terrible whipping.

For a period of two years and a half "Captain Charlie" held full sway in the district, hotly pursued most of the time, but always escaping, but at last his time came, as it came to all others of his ilk. There was a quarrel in his band, and it divided. He came to my hut with a companion one night at midnight, and after I had prepared them a meal they lay down and slept till daylight. Meanwhile the men who had broken away got word to the police, and at daylight the bluecoats were in ambush around the hut. As the two men stepped out they were shot dead in their tracks, and both were dead when the officers got them. Somewhere among the hills "Captain Charlie" had planted plunder, believed to amount to \$50,000; but, though it has been searched for by scores of men for the last thirty-five years, it has never been found.

The Alos.

In Africa the leaves of certain species of aloe provide material for bows-strings, hammocks, fishing lines and ropes. With the Mohammedans the aloe means much. For instance, those who have returned from a pilgrimage to Mecca hang it over their doors as a sign that they have made the great journey.

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